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FOR SECRETARY FROM ATHERTON

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: PROPOSED CABLE TO TOON ON  
YOUR NOVEMBER 23 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ

(S/S NO. 7624422 )

1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR APPROVAL IS A PROPOSED MESSAGE TO  
TOON REPORTING YOUR NOVEMBER 23 CONVERSATION WITH  
AMBASSADOR DINITZ.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

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EO 1165,: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, IS

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH DINITZ

FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY

3. THE SECRETARY MET WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ FOR A ONE-  
HOUR BREAKFAST CONVERSATION ON TUESDAY MORNING,

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NOVEMBER 23RD. MINISTER BAR-ON AND COUNSELOR BENTSUR AC-

COMPANIED THE AMBASSADOR; ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON AND MR. RODMAN ACCOMPANIED THE SECRETARY. THE PRINCIPAL TOPICS WERE LEBANON AND THE PLO OFFICE IN WASHINGTON.

4. LEBANON: DINITZ MENTIONED THAT AMBASSADOR TOON WAS SCHEDULED TO SEE PM RABIN AGAIN. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT SOUTHERN LEBANON WOULD BE THE SUBJECT. AFTER WE HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR TOON TO SEE RABIN AGAIN ON THAT SUBJECT, WE HAD HAD A REPORT OF A MEETING IN DAMASCUS BETWEEN SYRIAN CHIEF OF STATE SHIHABI AND AMBASSADOR MURPHY. SHIHABI HAD CALLED IN MURPHY AND VOLUNTEERED INTER ALIA THAT SYRIA WAS OPPOSED TO FEDAYEEN RAIDS INTO ISRAEL, DID NOT WANT TROUBLE WITH ISRAEL, AND WAS NOT OPPOSED TO THE OPEN FENCE POLICY AS LONG AS THE PEACE PROCESS WAS CONTINUING. SHIHABI ALSO MENTIONED THAT SYRIAN FORCES WOULD GO TO TYRE. SHIHABI DID NOT BELIEVE ISRAEL HAD GROUNDS FOR WORRY, SINCE SYRIAN FORCES WERE TIED DOWN IN LEBANON. THE TONE WAS CONCILIATORY. THE SECRETARY WANTED THIS INFORMATION TREATED AS VERY SENSITIVE.

5. DINITZ ASKED IF THIS WAS THE MESSAGE AMBASSADOR TOON WAS CARRYING. THE SECRETARY SAID NO AND REITERATED THAT THIS REPORT HAD JUST COME IN. AMBASSADOR TOON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO POINT OUT THE PARADOX THAT ISRAEL ON THE ONE HAND HELD SYRIA RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN SOUTHERN LEBANON BUT ON THE OTHER HAND WOULD NOT LET THEM ENTER SOUTHERN LEBANON. DINITZ ASKED IF THE SAME LINE SHOULDN'T BE PURSUED WITH SARKIS, TO IMPLEMENT THIS SET OF ASSURANCES. THE SECRETARY SAID WE HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO SARKIS, ASKING WHAT FORCES HE ENVISAGED BEING SENT INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON AND WHETHER LEBANESE FORCES COULD BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. DINITZ SAID ISRAEL WOULD NOW WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF OUR EXCHANGES WITH SARKIS AND THE SYRIANS.

6. ON THE PLO OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, DINITZ SAID HE WANTED TO SEE IT RESOLVED WITHOUT A NEEDLESS CONFRONTATION. THE SECRETARY AGREED. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WAS TOLD WE HAD NO LEGAL BASIS FOR PREVENTING THE OPENING OF AN OFFICE OF A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION; AT THE SAME TIME HE HAD

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DECIDED TO DENY A VISA EXTENSION TO SABRI JIRYIS, THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION, WHEN HIS VISA STAY IN THE U.S. EXPIRED ON NOVEMBER 30. DINITZ SAID THAT DEAN BROWN WAS INVOLVED IN IT AND THERE WERE RUMORS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD ENCOURAGED IT. MR. ATHERTON EXPLAINED THAT THE PLO HAD A PRIVATE LAWYER ADVISING THEM. DEAN BROWN AMONG OTHERS HAD INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT (ATHERTON) THAT JIRYIS WANTED CONTACTS WITH USG OFFICIALS AND TO OPEN A

PLO OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. ATHERTON HAD REITERATED TO BROWN, WHO HAD TOLD JIRYIS, THAT OUR POSITION AGAINST CONTACTS WAS UNCHANGED AND THAT REGISTRATION OF AN OFFICE WAS A PROCEDURE HANDLED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. IT WAS A PASSIVE ACT; NOT A QUESTION OF GRANTING OR DENYING

PERMISSION. THE SECRETARY SAID IT MADE NO SENSE IN TERMS OF OUR STRATEGY FOR US TO BUILD UP THE PLO AT THE VERY MOMENT THEIR STATUS HAD BEEN REDUCED BY EVENTS IN LEBANON. WE HAD CONSISTENTLY AVOIDED BUILDING UP THE PLO AND HAD ADVISED THE EUROPEANS AGAINST IT. DINITZ ACKNOWLEDGED THIS AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. DINITZ WONDERED IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT COULD STATE PUBLICLY THAT IT DID NOT LOOK WITH FAVOR ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLO OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. THIS DECLARATION, PLUS EXPULSION OF THE INDIVIDUAL, WOULD MAKE THE U.S. POSITION CLEAR. THE SECRETARY AGREED TO CONSIDER THIS SUGGESTION.

7. DINITZ ALSO RAISED AGAIN THE LANDING RIGHTS PROBLEM, BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD A JORDANIAN-SYRIAN CIVIL AIR DELEGATION HAD BEEN IN THIS COUNTRY. END TEXT.

8. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE OUR SENDING THE ABOVE CABLE TO TOON.

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9. DRAFTED: NSC:PRODMAN  
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